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Dear Senator Meekhof:

The Michigan Network for Children's Environmental Health - a statewide coalition of health professional, health affected and environmental organizations - appreciates your recognition of the public health and environmental hazards associated with toxic chemicals in consumer products and the environment. We agree that comprehensive and effective reform of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) is both necessary and urgent. However, we urge you to oppose or modify SR 0059 as introduced.

We cannot support the resolution because it suggests that state-level chemicals policy reform is not necessary and urgent to protect Michigan's children. The State of Michigan should not abdicate the power to protect the health of our own citizenry. Congress has been dragging its heels on TSCA reform for 35 years. This Resolution does not recommend adequate protections for children's health, nor does it call for sufficient public disclosure of chemical hazards in consumer products.

Michigan children need to be protected from toxic chemicals now, and families deserve to have the right-to-know if chemicals of greatest concern are in the products they buy for their children.

We are calling on the Michigan Senate to take action to protect our most precious resources, Michigan's children, and not attempt to pass on this responsibility.

We hope you will oppose SR 0059 as introduced.

Sincerely,

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